

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This response is being filed in response to the non-final Office Action dated March 4, 2009. In the Office Action, Claims 1-3, 5, and 7-11 were rejected as being obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in light of U.S. Patent No. 4,090,279 to Wasko ("*Wasko*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,922,761 to Schwendt ("*Schwendt*"). In addition, Claim 3 was rejected as lacking clarity under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In response to the Office Action, Applicants have canceled dependent Claim 3 and amended independent Claim 1. Following this response, independent Claim 1 and dependent Claims 2, 5, and 7-11 remain pending in the application.

Applicants have amended independent Claim 1 to recite that at an intersecting portion of the obliquely intersecting ribs of the inside reinforcement portion, obliquely intersecting straight lines are connected with an arc line as seen its plan view. Applicants respectfully assert that this feature is not disclosed or suggested by *Wasko* or *Schwendt*. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of independent Claim 1 under §103(a).

Dependent Claims 2, 5, and 7-11 depend from independent Claim 1 and therefore include all the limitations of independent Claim 1 plus additional features that further define over the prior art. Accordingly, for at least the reasons set forth above in regard to independent Claim 1, Applicants respectfully assert that dependent Claims 2, 5, and 7-11 are also patentable over the prior art.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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Applicants appreciate the Examiner's careful consideration of this application and would welcome a telephone conference with the Examiner to expedite the processing of the patent application. Applicants' attorney, Meredith Struby, may be reached directly at (404) 881-4626.

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